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#### ISSUES

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- There is a need for improved recreational opportunities.
- There is a need for greater sensitivity to land-use issues.

### JURISDICTIONAL PLANNED PROJECTS

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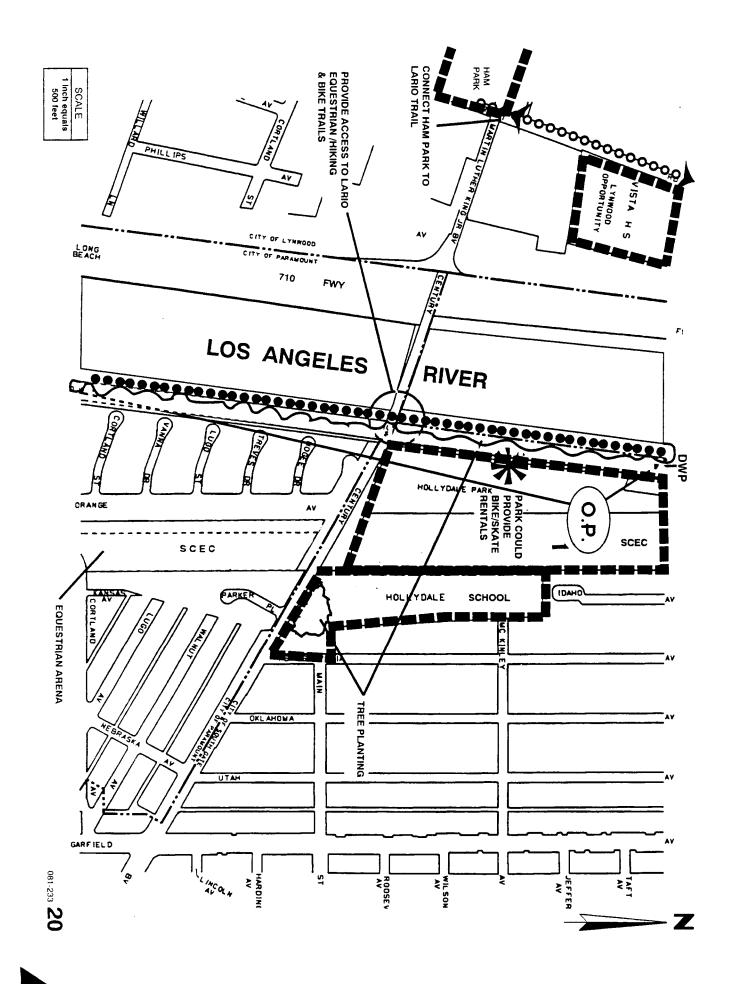
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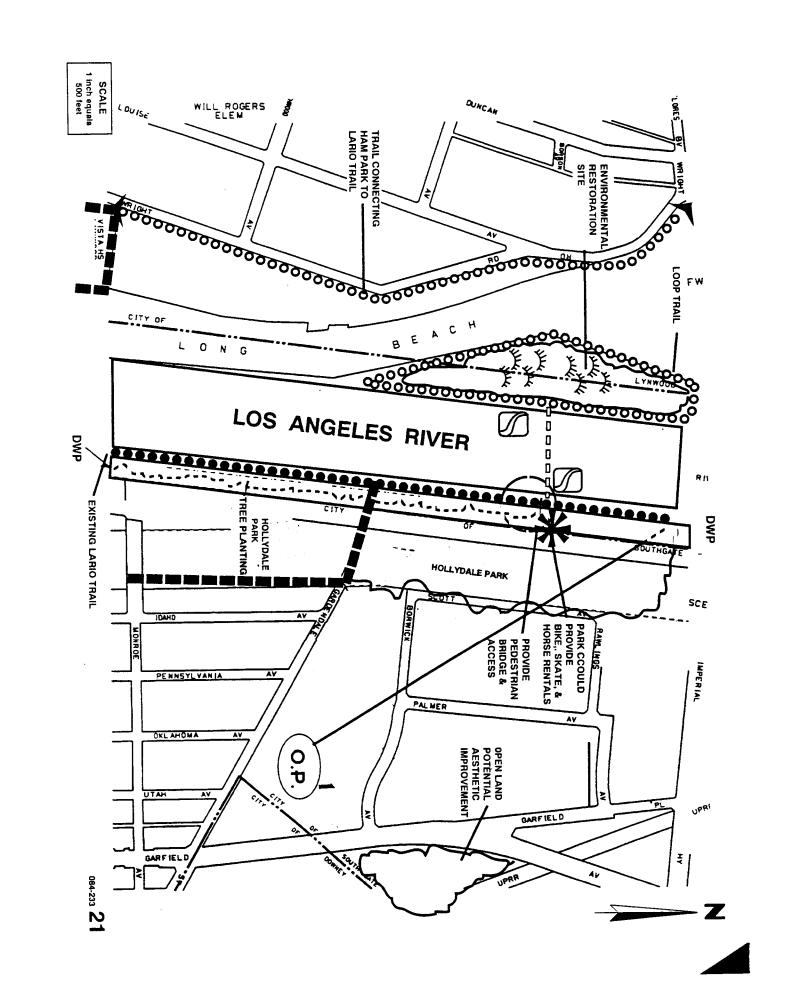
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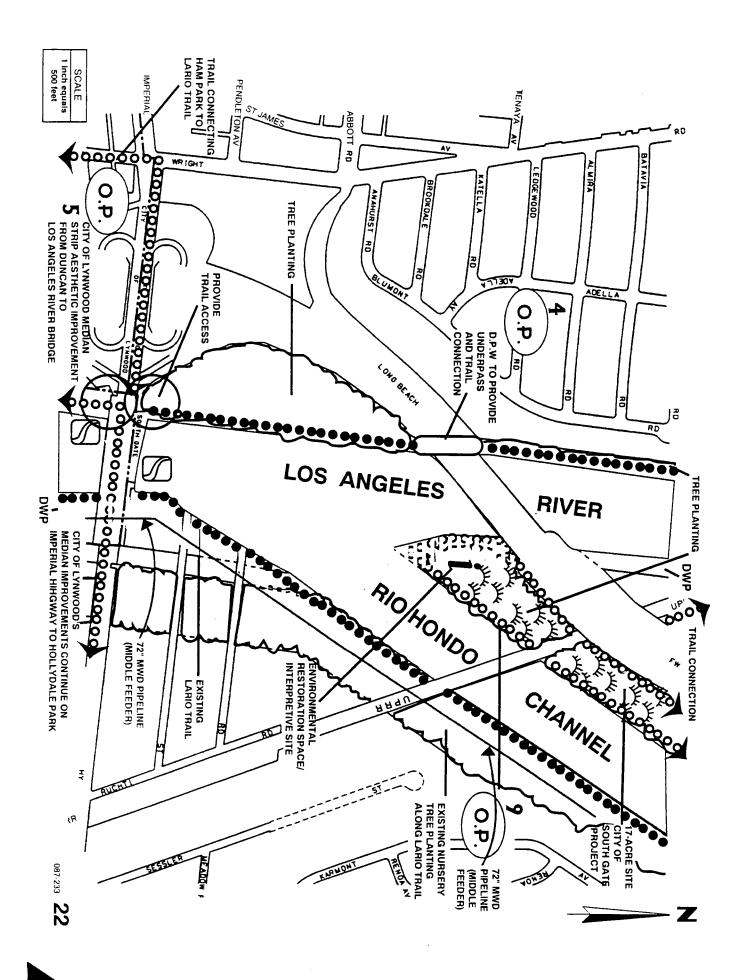
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- Develop confluence acreage into a park and community center with tree planting and an interpretive site. Commission a large work of art that can be seen from the 710 Freeway.
- · Begin restoration efforts and environmental enhancements at various sites.
- · Connect Hollydale Park to the river.
- Plant trees along the entire length of river through the city.
- Develop a rail-to-trail project between South Gate, Cudahy and Bell Gardens.
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